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Good afternoon,

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has requested public comments regarding the impact of certain trademark litigation tactics (sometimes referred to as "trademark bullying") on small businesses. Specifically, the USPTO is requesting feedback from U.S. trademark owners, practitioners, and others regarding their experiences with litigation tactics involving an attempt to enforce trademark rights beyond a reasonable interpretation of the scope of the rights granted to the trademark owner.

The public notice is available here: http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/notices/trademark_study.jsp. The comment period will close on February 7, 2011. Comments can be submitted to USPTO via email at TMFeedback@uspto.gov.

The SBA Office of Advocacy is a federal agency tasked with representing the views and concerns of small businesses within the federal government. We often host small business roundtables to discuss federal regulations and other policy actions in order to gather information from small business stakeholders, and forward it to policy makers at other federal agencies.

We are interested in hosting a roundtable to discuss the USPTO request for comments and we would appreciate your participation, as well as the participation of any small business stakeholders that you believe should contribute to the discussion. USPTO staff will be in attendance.

We are tentatively scheduling the roundtable for Tuesday, February 1, 2011, location and time TBA. Please let me know if you would like to participate and whether the date is convenient. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this issue with me personally, please feel free to call.

Best regards,

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